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**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re: Application of: Amos NUSSINOVITCH, et al.  
Serial No.: Not yet known  
Filed: Simultaneously  
For: **HYDROCOLLOID COATING OF  
CELLS**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

May 21, 2001

Sir:

Prior to examination and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Amended) A method of coating a cell [characterised in that] comprising the  
steps of:  
placing the cell [is placed] in a solution of hydrocolloid [and, after];  
removing the cell from the solution of hydrocolloid [solution, is placed]; and  
placing the cell in a cross-linking solution after removing the cell from the solution of  
hydrocolloid, [to] thereby [provide] providing the cell with a thin coating of the hydrocolloid.